

PLAYER INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT

Between



North East Australian Football League

And



Queensland Australian Football League

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Introduction

This document aims to clarify the movement and alignment of players between the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) and the Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL).

This agreement will be reviewed at the end of each season.

Definitions

NEAFL Clubs

1. Aspley Football Club
2. Redland Football Club
3. Southport Football Club

QAFL Clubs

1. Palm Beach Currumbin Football Club
2. Surfers paradise Football Club
3. Labrador Football Club
4. Broadbeach Football Club
5. Mt Gravatt Football Club
6. Morningside Football Club
7. Western Magpies Football Club
8. University of Queensland
9. Wilston Grange Football Club
10. Sandgate Football Club

Queensland of Origin Player – is a player who played their first game of *senior* football in Queensland.

Club Alignment for the Purpose of the Mini Draft

Southport Football Club

Labrador Football Club
Broadbeach Football Club
Surfers Paradise Football Club
Palm Beach Currumbin Football Club

Redland Football Club

Mt Gravatt Football Club
Morningside Football Club
Western Magpies Football Club

Aspley Football Club

Sandgate Football Club
Wilston Grange Football Club
University of Queensland

Player Club of Origin

- Any NEAFL registered player who transferred from a current QAFL club (Club of Origin) to the NEAFL club is automatically aligned back to that QAFL club should the player elect that club as their club of choice. Any anomalies in regard to this will be determined at the discretion of the Football Operations Manager.
- Any NEAFL registered player who was aligned to a QAFL club the previous year may choose to be automatically realigned to that club without re-entering the mini draft.
 - In the event where an excessive number of players are eligible to nominate a particular QAFL club, players who had been drafted by that club, but was not their club of origin, may be required to re-enter the mini draft.
- Players who do not elect to align to their QAFL club of Origin, or the QAFL club they were previously aligned to, will enter the Mini Draft.
- NEAFL 'rookie listed' players will be encouraged to align themselves to QAFL clubs where it is deemed in the best interest for their development by the State Academy Manager.

Primary List Players

- All players on a NEAFL club's list of thirty five (35) players
- All thirty five (35) players contracted by and registered at a NEAFL club
- All thirty five (35) players aligned to a QAFL club via the Mini Draft

Rookie List Players

- Can include up to twelve (12) Under 19 players
- Has played less than twenty (20) NEAFL games prior to the start of the upcoming season
- NEAFL games played as a top-up player for an AFL Club are not included towards eligibility
- Can play NEAFL football at any stage of the season regardless of list implications including, 'without being required to be on the Primary List'
- Not registered with the NEAFL club, but at a QAFL or community football club

Mini Draft

- A process for aligning NEAFL players to QAFL clubs. Each NEAFL club conducts a Mini Draft enabling its aligned QAFL club to select available NEAFL players.
- To be conducted prior to the start of the NEAFL and/or QAFL season, whichever comes first.

Key Dates

- NEAFL Primary & Rookie list due - **Monday 23rd March**
- Mini Draft – **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th March**
- NEAFL/QAFL season commences - **Saturday 11th April**

List amendments

- **After Round 3 – 27th April**
- **After Round 6 – 19th May**
- **After Round 9 – 8th June**
- **After Round 12 – 30th June**

Example of how the Mini Draft works**Southport Football Club****QAFL clubs**

- 1.** Surfers Paradise Football Club
- 2.** Palm Beach Currumbin Football Club
- 3.** Broadbeach Football Club
- 4.** Labrador Football Club

	Player Name	Club before NEAFL	Mini Draft Entry Y/N	QAFL club Alignment
1.	Jed Wise	Eastlake, ACT	Yes	
2.	Henry Mallan	Morningside	Yes	
3.	Cleve Hughes	Richmond, AFL	Yes	
4.	Sam Smith	Surfers Paradise	NO	Surfers Paradise
5.	Bill Jones	Southport JFC	Yes	
6.	Greg Hams	Broadbeach	NO	Broadbeach
7.	Henry Allan	Labrador	NO	Labrador
8.	Simon Black	Southport	Yes	
9.	Craig Jones	Southport	Yes	
10.	Willy Jock	Southport	Yes	
11.	Kieran Smith	Broadbeach	NO	Broadbeach
12.	Jed Lamb	Burleigh	Yes	
13.	Walter Gregg	Southport	Yes	
14.	Fred Clean	Southport	Yes	
15.	Glenn Hide	Coolangatta	Yes	
16.	Harry Madden	Labrador	NO	Labrador
17.	Luke Patrick	Broadbeach	NO	Broadbeach
18.	Patrick Luke	Coomera	Yes	
19.	Simon Jack	Frankston	Yes	
20.	Max Jax	Southport	Yes	
21.	James Froe	Redland	Yes	
22.	Dean Greggs	Cairns	Yes	
23.	Josh Pimani	Labrador	NO	Labrador
24.	Larry Jones	St Kilda, AFL	Yes	
25.	Kieran Quirk	Southport	Yes	
26.	Nigel Smart	Labrador	NO	Labrador
27.	Warren Onions	Griffith, NSW	Yes	
28.	Peter Dimantina	Mt Gravatt	Yes	
29.	Joe Moore	South Adelaide	Yes	
30.	Wendall Kleen	Toowoomba	Yes	
31.	Andrew Walker	Broadbeach	NO	Broadbeach
32.	Ryan Harris	Griffith Uni	Yes	
33.	Jeremy Vines	Palm Beach	NO	Palm Beach
34.	Xavier Norman	Palm Beach	NO	Palm Beach
35.	Brent Fitzpatrick	Broadbeach	NO	Broadbeach

Summary

QAFL club	Current Players on List	Draft Selections available	Total NEAFL Players
Labrador	4	4	8
Broadbeach	5	3	8
Palm Beach Currumbin	2	7	9
Surfers Paradise	1	9	10
	12	23	35

- Where possible a equalisation strategy would be adopted with equal distribution of NEAFL players across all QAFL clubs in the NEAFL club's region

1. Order of Selections – Mini Draft

QAFL clubs shall have the right to select a draft player, in turn, in the reverse order of the position in which they finished at the end of the previous Home & Away season ('the selection order').

Players must be allocated a QAFL club via the mini draft. QAFL clubs cannot pass on a 'live' draft selection in the mini-draft.

The 'selection order' will be distributed to all clubs prior to the Mini Draft.

2. Players

- 2.1 No officer, agent or servant of a QAFL club shall contact or interview a registered player of an NEAFL Club for the purpose of gaining the services of that player as a footballer without first seeking written permission from the NEAFL Club with which the player is registered.
- 2.2 Player Interchange Agreement rules 1 to 9 herein apply to the NEAFL Primary List of thirty five (35) players.
- 2.3 The Football Operations Manager and/or duly appointed CARD (Clearance and Registration Disputes) committee shall have the final say in any dispute between NEAFL and QAFL clubs.

3. Relegation of Player – other than injury or discipline

- 3.1 Any players whom are relegated (maximum of 4 per round per QAFL club) to the QAFL from the NEAFL, for reasons other than injury or discipline, upon return must play at least one (1) senior game with their QAFL aligned club, unless agreed upon in writing by both NEAFL and QAFL clubs involved. This game must be in the first fixture after relegation. *QAFL clubs not selecting relegated NEAFL players in their senior team will incur a fine of 100 units (\$500) per breach.*
- 3.2 For Round 1 of any QAFL season, a minimum of three (3) NEAFL players, whom are available for selection, must play senior football at their aligned QAFL club.
- 3.3 A Player whom, after being relegated from the NEAFL team for reason other than injury or discipline, does not immediately gain selection in the QAFL senior team with which he is registered for a period of two (2) consecutive matches may, with the approval of his NEAFL Club, make application for transfer to another QAFL club.
- 3.4 On receipt of an application for transfer of a player under clause 3.3, the Football Operations Manager must offer the services of that player to each other QAFL aligned club and/or to clubs which require further on-field support. This action is taken at the discretion of the NEAFL Operations Manager and/or CARD committee.
- 3.5 Where a QAFL club has an opportunity to register a transferred player during a season, as per clause 3.3, and declines to do so, that QAFL club will not be precluded from taking the transfer of another player during that season.

- 3.6 When a NEAFL club has a bye, a maximum of four (4) players only, from the list of twenty three (23) who played in the game immediately prior to the bye, will be eligible to play for their QAFL club in the bye week.
- 3.7 Any player added to a NEAFL primary list after round 3, 6, 9 or 12 list adjustments will be aligned to a QAFL club at the discretion of the Competition Manager.

4. Eligibility of players from NEAFL Clubs to play for QAFL clubs.

- 4.1 If a QAFL club has the opportunity to select but declines to select a NEAFL player, the QAFL club will not have the opportunity to further select a draft player until all other clubs have had the opportunity to make a selection in the order of selection referred to in section 1, 'Order of Selections - Mini Draft'.
- 4.2 A QAFL club which has selected, or has the right to select, a draft player ('the first club') may agree with another QAFL club ('the second club') to exchange the draft player, which the first club has selected or has the right to select, for a registered player of the second club or for a draft player which the second club has either selected or has the right to select. Exchanges must be completed within 1 hour of the draft concluding.
- 4.3 Before selecting a draft player a QAFL club and the aligned NEAFL club must take into consideration the interests of the player, the interests of the NEAFL club (as the case may be) and the interests of the QAFL competition having due regard to the desire of the QAFL to maintain a highly competitive competition.
- 4.4 In the interests of the player it is essential that NEAFL club has discussions with aligned QAFL clubs to assist the QAFL clubs with the selection of players.
- 4.5 A dossier on each player, recruited by a NEAFL club, will be prepared and presented to each aligned QAFL club and made available to the Football Operations Manager on request.
- 4.6 Communication and consultation must transpire between NEAFL clubs and their aligned QAFL clubs to duly consider and negotiate the positioning of players prior to their selection by QAFL clubs.
- 4.7 A NEAFL player, whom is ruled unfit by an NEAFL medical officer to play in a round of NEAFL matches, will be ineligible for selection and must not be listed on the Official Team Sheet of any QAFL club in any match played in the concurrent round of QAFL matches.
- 4.8 If a NEAFL draft player desires to transfer from the QAFL club with which he registered because of a dispute with the club, he must give written notice of such dispute, including full and complete details of the dispute, to the NEAFL Football Operations Manager and to the club. The Operations Manager and/or CARD will deal with the dispute as deemed fit.

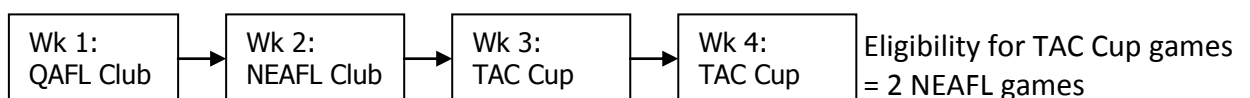
5. Player Payments

- 5.1 It is acknowledged and agreed by each NEAFL & QAFL club, with whom a player is listed by or contracted to, that the following will be the remuneration for each contracted NEAFL player who plays a QAFL match.
- QAFL Senior match up to \$100
 - QAFL reserves – \$0
 - NEAFL Rookies – No payment is made to rookies who play in the QAFL

6. Finals Eligibility

- 6.1 When a NEAFL club is competing in a finals round on the same weekend as an aligned QAFL club finals match, the NEAFL player will be eligible to play in the QAFL match irrespective of qualification.
- 6.2 Any player, who is primary listed with or contracted to a NEAFL club, must play a total of not less than six (6) matches for premiership points in the Home & Away season in a team or teams of the QAFL, before being eligible to compete in the QAFL finals in that season.
- 6.3 A Rookie Listed Player must play three (3) QAFL games minimum to be eligible for finals in the QAFL.
- 6.4 The eligibility of a player to participate in the QAFL finals in any season will be determined by the QAFL Rules & Regulations.
- 6.5 Where a NEAFL primary listed player is not selected by his NEAFL club, and plays for an AFL club on the same weekend, this game will count towards finals eligibility for their aligned QAFL club.
- 6.6 Queensland State Under 18 TAC Cup & National Championship matches will count towards the finals eligibility for the team in which the player played for directly preceding this match.

Example:



- 6.7 In the situation where there is no preceding match, eligibility will be attributed to the club to which the player is registered for that season.

7. Indemnity

- 7.1 The NEAFL Club, with which the player is registered, must indemnify the aligned QAFL club, with which a player plays a match, against all loss and damage sustained directly or indirectly by the QAFL club as a consequence of the player playing a match with that club.

8. INCONSISTENCY

- 8.1 Where there is any inconsistency between an NEAFL player contract signed by a player and any contract entered into between the player and the aligned QAFL club, the provisions of the NEAFL player contract will prevail.

9. SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS

- 9.1 A QAFL club cannot suspend a contracted player of a NEAFL Club without the approval of the NEAFL club and the NEAFL Operations Manager.
- 9.2 Any player who is suspended in the NEAFL competition will be ineligible to win the QAFL Best & Fairest in the season in which they serve the suspension.